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Aguinaldo in Favor of Annexation By America

Report That McKinley Favored Relinquishing the Islands Causes Consternation.

HONG KONG, July 21 General Aguinaldo is known to be in favor of the annexation of the Philippines by the United States. A rumor that the president favored relinquishing the islands caused consternation among the insurgents. Aguinaldo and members of the Philippine junta applied to Consul Wildman for an explanation and obtained his positive denial of the report. Wildman also assured the insurgents they could trust to America for a spirit of justice. Cortes, Bosa and other wealthy families then resumed the giving of money to buy arms and ammunition for the insurgent army.

CRUISER BUFFALO WILL SEE SERVICE

To Be Fitted Out at Once—Sums Being Paid for Repairs to Warships.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The Buffalo, the cruiser bought by the United States from Brazil, will be repaired, fitted out with guns, and sent into the war. She has been ordered to New York. Commander Hemphill, who will command the Buffalo, will be in charge of the work of fitting her for service. After inspecting the vessel, he informed the department that with a competent crew he can make all necessary repairs.

The bureau of construction and repairs is expending \$1,250,000 a month upon repairs, fitting and refitting vessels for the war with Spain.

The output of smokeless powder for the navy is steadily increasing, and the ordnance bureau is receiving more than 8,000 pounds daily for the big guns.

Hay and Oats for the Army.

St. Louis, July 19.—A St. Louis firm has secured the largest contract for hay ever let by the United States. The contract calls for 9,000,000 pounds of hay for the army, to be delivered at Chickamauga. Between 400 and 500 cars will be required to transport it. The contract for furnishing oats to the army was awarded to a Cincinnati firm; straw to an Evansville, Ind., firm, and bran to a Chattanooga firm.

Cervera Receives Money from Home.

New York, July 20.—Admiral Cervera has received from the Spanish government a check for \$50,000 to defray the expenses of himself and other officers who are prisoners at Annapolis.

SPAIN CONTINUES TO REMAIN PASSIVE

Peace Negotiations are at a Standstill and No Overtures Have Been Made.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Peace negotiations are at present at a standstill. Inquiry made among the prominent officials yesterday elicited the information that positively no overtures had been made to the government, and it was pretty plainly hinted that the administration was not at all displeased with the fact.

CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN THE KLONDIKE

J. W. Truesdale Expresses an Opinion Concerning the State of Affairs in the Eldorado of the North.

SEATTLE, July 19.—Among the passengers on the Roanoke, who arrived from Dawson today, was J. W. Truesdale the well-known newspaper correspondent, who made the trip over the icy Chilkoot late last fall, being one of the last to get through the pass before the freeze up.

Truesdale has spent much time and enjoyed unusual advantages in investigating the conditions of mines and miners in and about the Klondike region, and he does not give a rosy impression of affairs in the Alaskan eldorado.

While expressing the belief that the winter clean up will amount to at least \$20,000,000, he draws attention to the fact that nearly all this sum belongs to comparatively few men that is, mine-owners, who were in possession of the golden claims before the thousands who rushed to the north last fall knew of such bonanzas. It is these poor prospectors that have suffered. Those who have amounts over \$5000 do not number over thirty. When the expense of getting to and returning from the land of ice and snow, not to speak of the cost of wintering in a place where food is worth its weight in nuggets, it is easy to see how well the mighty struggle for wealth paid those who undertook labor and suffering.

If Truesdale's statements needed substantiating, there are scores of others on Roanoke who say that sensational reports regarding the wealth to be had for the effort have brought unutterable suffering and hardship to thousands who were deluded by these glowing reports. Men who were expert miners in the states are mere novices in the Yukon country. The worst feature is that it is impossible to make these people believe that theories as to the formation, etc., are not worth bauble here, as the result is that they "confound" the country instead of using pick and shovel. I have seen men go up as far as the forks, look around for a few minutes, give expression to their feelings in a way that cannot with propriety be written, and return to Dawson, jump in their boats and sail for St. Michaels. There are thousands of such people in Dawson today, and the food question with these is a serious one, suffering among them being severe.

The best index of the general worth of any country is the willingness of its citizens to invest their money at home. Speculation has been rife in Dawson all winter, but sharks were compelled to confine their operations to new creeks, of which little or nothing was or is known.

GOLD CONTINUES TO ARRIVE

Schooner Lakme Brings Ninety-Three Passengers and About Two Hundred Thousand in Dust and Drafts.

SEATTLE, July 20.—The steam schooner Lakme arrived here today from St. Michaels with ninety-three passengers, most of them from Dawson. They brought gold dust known to amount to \$200,000. This sum was deposited with the purser. In addition every man had nuggets in his belt and drafts in his pockets. The aggregate is not known exactly, but is large. Victor Honreux, a French Canadian, brought \$60,000; J. W. McCreary, Spokane, \$11,000; W. S. Roblets, of California, \$4,000; M. R. Gooler, \$10,000; H. A. Schell brought drafts from trading companies aggregating about \$40,000.

Santiago's Governor Not Yet Chosen.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Secretary Alger says the military governor of Santiago has not yet been definitely selected. He also said our army captured 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition at Santiago, so it will need no supplies for some time.

Cash in Your Checks.

All county warrants registered prior to July 12, 1894, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after July 7, 1898.

C. L. PHILLIPS,
County Treasurer.

A CHINESE MURDERER'S DEED

Brought to Bay in a Powder Magazine, He Blows It Up, Wrecking the Entire Plant and Killing Six Persons Besides Himself.

OAKLAND, Cal., July 19.—The works of the Western Fuse & Explosive Company were blown up by a Chinese murderer at 5:20 this morning. Five deputy sheriffs who were trying to arrest the murderer were killed. The dead are Charles White, George Woodsum, D. C. Cameron, Constable Gus Kock, J. J. Leri, Mrs. Hill and the murderer, Goon Ng Chung.

The Celestial, who was employed in the works and who caused the awful explosion, killed a fellow countryman yesterday afternoon in a quarrel over Chinese lottery tickets. He defied the officers of the law who went to arrest him, and fled into a magazine which contained five tons of giant powder, barricaded the door and threatened to blow up the magazine if any one came to arrest him.

Deputy Sheriff Charles White, son of Sheriff White, in charge of a posse, was on the scene of the shooting shortly after the murder, and kept guard over the Chinese within his stronghold. All the officers were armed with rifles. After repeated demands to surrender had been made, to all of which came the reply, "If you come in here I will blow up the magazine," the officers retired for the night within the private office of the company, about 20 yards away.

This morning at 5 o'clock Deputy Sheriff White, after a consultation with the others, determined to break down the barricade, not believing the Chinese would keep his daring promise. Accordingly the entire posse headed for the door. True to his word the Chinese fired the giant powder and in an instant a terrific explosion occurred, killing the officers and blowing the Chinese into atoms so small that not one piece has been found. Mrs. Hill was visiting Mrs. Pride, who lived across the way. She was killed by the falling debris of the All the buildings took fire. Engines were soon fighting the flames, but to no avail. The works were completely destroyed. Four houses were also blown down, and about forty more partially wrecked.

Deputy Sheriffs Fred Sherritt and Ed. White escaped, but were painfully wounded. The man Goon murdered was Ham Se Sing. Fourteen freight cars were blown to splinters and several were burned. Windows were broken in Oakland, Alameda and as far as Berkeley.

MILES WAITING NAVAL CONVOYS

He Has Transports Ready to Start for Porto Rico—Sampson Ordered to Get a Move on Himself.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—General Miles last night notified the secretary of war that he is waiting at Guantanamo for necessary naval convoys. He says he has ten transports at his disposal, and they are probably loaded and ready to start for Porto Rico.

Miles accuses Sampson of red tape and needless delay. The war department at once ordered Sampson to get a move on himself.

The date of the departure of Watson's squadron to attack the Spanish coast becomes more uncertain. It is believed now that Watson must wait until the vessels for the Porto Rico expedition are selected and perhaps until naval operations off Porto Rico are completed.

The Pocket Kozzy Camera.

The Kozzy measures 1 1/4 x 3 3/8 x 5 1/2 inches when closed. It is strictly a film camera and takes pictures 3 3/8 x 3 1/2 inches. No glass plates, plate-holders or dark room required. Can be loaded in broad sunlight for twelve pictures at each loading. Clear finder, three stops, and time of instantaneous pictures. Catalogue free on application to M. Z. DONNELL, Druggist.

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Serious Contentions in Spanish War Circles

The Spanish Cabinet Has Resolved to Fight to the Bitterest, Bloodiest End.

MADRID, July 20.—The great change in sentiment here has been caused by the Spanish reverses. The former war party has demanded peace, and the cabinet has patriotically drawn the sword, thrown away the scabbard and resolved to fight to the bitterest, bloodiest end. Sagasta declares that General Toral received no orders to capitulate, and declares that the Americans secured the surrender of Santiago through trickery in the negotiations.

MARIA THERESA CAN BE RAISED

Admiral Sampson Reports Good Progress in the Work of Wrecking the Sunken Spanish Ships.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The following report has been received from Admiral Sampson:

"United States Flagship New York, off Playa del Este, July 20.—The progress of wrecking the Maria Theresa is very satisfactory. The company thinks the ship will probably be raised by Sunday next. A board of officers is examining the Reina Mercedes today. She will probably also be raised. Lieutenant-Commander Pillsbury, commanding the Vesuvius, has supervised the wrecking of these vessels on the part of the navy.

More Nurses Needed.

New York, July 19.—A meeting of the Red Cross Aid Committee was held at the office of William T. Wardell, chairman of the executive committee, to consider the yellow fever emergency. Whitelaw Reid and Mrs. Cowdin reported after an interview with Surgeon-General Sternberg that the government would accept any immune nurses whose services could be secured, and that such nurses could go to Santiago on the transport Reolante.

It was decided to send Dr. Carpenter, one of the attending surgeons of the Red Cross hospital, to Memphis to establish a bureau for the supply of immune nurses, it being thought such nurses could more readily be secured in localities where the fever has prevailed. In the meantime an effort will be made to secure immune nurses in this city.

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EXPEDITION TO GO TO PORTO RICO

Fifteen Thousand Troops Will Be Sent to Reinforce Miles Inside of a Week—Sharp Messages Between Miles and Sampson.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Official notification has reached the war department that the first Porto Rico expedition under General Miles sailed at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Guantanamo. Before the fleet left Miles was informed that he would, within six days, be reinforced by 15,000 troops. Sampson notified the navy department that the transports would sail when the Columbia finishes coaling. Many sharp messages were exchanged between Miles and Sampson, because of the latter's delay.

It is estimated the expedition that left Guantanamo today will reach Porto Rico Sunday.

CAMPOS EXPRESSES HIS HONEST OPINION IN REGARD TO AFFAIRS

MADRID, July 20.—Martinez Campos, former captain-general of Cuba, has issued an address to the people of Spain tonight, saying that the present cabinet must be kept in power until peace was gained.

Speaking of Santiago, Campos said: "Surrender was inevitable, sooner or later. It is impossible to resist in such a climate with ill-fed soldiers. The Americans also suffered from the climate but had more resources, being near their country and could get everything they wanted. Having powerful artillery they would have been irresistible in the end, chiefly considering that we had lost our squadron. Santiago could do nothing else but surrender. Havana will have to do the same thing, whether it resists one month or six weeks. I am persuaded, however, that the purpose of the Americans is now to get hold of Porto Rico and to try to make good their claims on it.

"The Americans have strength and consequently will have all. It is impossible to live on the glorious memories preserved in old historical parchments. I believe the government acted too rashly in refusing to accept the American ultimatum. I would have wanted to receive the ultimatum. Apart from that, I am persuaded that the Americans wanted nothing but war. They continued to help the insurrection after Spain had granted autonomy, but punishment has arrived for the Cubans and for the Yankees.